Statement-II

Details of additional proposals received from voluntary organisations in Himachal Pradesh.

Sl. No.	Name of the Organisation	Purpose	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Rinchen Zehgpo Society* Spiti Development, Distt. Kangra	Setting up- residential school for STs.	A sum of Rs. 1,77,960 has been sanctioned during 1998-99.
2.	Himachal Pradesh Mahila Kalyan Mandal, Kullu	Running old age Home.	State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has been requested for revalidation of their recommendation/inspection-report.
3.	Yuva Satta, Shimla	De-addiction Centre-Telephone Counselling	Organisation advised through the State Govt. to modify the porposal.

New Gold Mines in Bihar

1356. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gold mines in the country;

(b) whether Government have found gold reserves in the country, particularly in Bihar;

(c) if so, the steps taken for mining of gold in the new gold reserves in Bihar; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The number of working gold mines in the country is seven.

(b) to (d) Geological Survey of India (GSI) and/or Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) have established gold reserves in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. The recoverable reserves of gold in the country as on 1.4.1995 reported by the Indian Bureau of Mines (I.B.M.) are placed at 17.78 million tonnes of ore containing 67.9 tonnes of gold metal. The recoverable reserves of gold in Bihar are placed at 7200 tonnes of ore containing 100 (One hundred) kgs. of gold in Singhbhum district. The Central Government as per Section 5 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 have, in March 1998, accorded prior approval to the State Government of Bihar for grant of mining lease for gold ore over an area of 19.50 hectares in Village Kunderkocha of Singhbhum district in favour of M/s Man Mohan Minerals Industries (Pvt.) Ltd. for a period of 30 years.

Revival proposal for IISCO

1357. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tyaz Pron Exports, Russia has requested Government for writing off the entire ac-